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1. Petition for Extension of Time & Response to Office Action;
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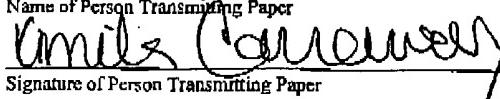
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Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a). With the granting of said extension, it is believed that this response is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-2613 for the 3-month extension fee due herein and any other fees that may become due or credit become payable during the pendency of this application.

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